

The Catholic Parish of Ongar & Doddington



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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (B) Sunday 5th May, 2024

Acts 10.25–26,34–35,44–48 Psalm 97 1 John 4.7–10 John 15.9–17

Love can help prepare us for the Feast of the Most Holy Trinity which we celebrate in two weeks' time. Love is such a profound emotion in human beings that it is easy to perceive of it as being rooted in ourselves.

'For Christians, God's love for humankind is the foundation of all human experience of love. All love has its origin in the mutual love of the three persons of the Trinity, and that love invites all to enter into, and share of, that love. A human child learns love by being loved, and if deprived of love as an infant, the effect can be devastating.

Human beings are able to love simply because they have been loved first into existence. For John speaks of love is always the starting point, linking the love of the Father for the Son with the Love of the Son for the disciples. Human love originates in the love within the Trinity. By calling his disciples (and us) friends, Jesus expressly brings them into the very life of love which is the Trinity; and as is necessarily the case within the life of the Trinity, insists that such love be fruitful.

Keep yourself safe and well, Fr. Emile

Please note that Kelly Love, Parish Administrator is currently on annual leave and will return to the Parish Office on Tuesday 14th May. For hall bookings please contact Sue Maher on 01277 823750 or sue.maher1@btinternet.com. Rotas/hall calendar catholicparishongar.org

Please note that Thursday masses at St. Helen's have changed to 10.30am.

PPC AGM - The Annual General Meeting of the PPC will be held at 7pm Thursday 13th June at St. Margaret's. This is an open meeting for those who would like to attend.

HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION - The Ascension of the Lord (B) Please note there will be a mass at **8pm Thursday 9th May** at St. Margaret's.

IMPORTANT NOTICE- RideLondon-Essex Sunday 26th May, 2024

Fr. Emile will be unable to leave St. Helen's in Ongar on this date due to the route of the RideLondon-Essex event which takes place all day. This year the 5.30pm Mass on Saturday 25th May will be held at St. Margaret's. There will be an 8.45am Mass at St. Helen's on the Sunday for those that are able to get there locally.

Doddy Drop In - an informal get together for everyone held on the second Tuesday of every month 2pm at St. Margaret's Hall, Doddinghurst. Bring your crafts and games or just have a cuppa and a natter. The next one will be held on Tuesday 14th May.

Second Collection Sunday 12th May for World Communications Day

Pope Francis' message for World Communications Day 2024

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/wcd24-papal-message/>

A Date For Your Diary Father Anthony Chantry will be revisiting our parish to celebrate 8.45am Mass at St. Helen's and 10.30am Mass at St. Margaret's on Sunday 2nd June. As National Director of Missio, the Pope's own charity, Father Anthony will give us first hand information about the amazing work Missio does throughout the world. Missio wants to thank us for our continued support. Please keep this date on your calendar so we can fill our church with our usual welcome. Collecting money for Missio - **Open Garden - Saturday 1st and 2nd June** at 2 Days Cottages, Days Lane, Doddinghurst, CM15 9SL. Refreshments, Art and Plant Sale. Proceeds towards Missio. Find out more about how your gifts are transforming lives at mis-sio.org.uk. If any parishioner would like a Red Box then please contact Mary Cox on 01277374145 or 07752467027

Family Mass Please join us for our Family Mass every third Sunday of the Month. The next Family Mass is **Sunday 19th May**. Please get in touch if any child would like to be involved.

**SAVE THE DATE
SUMMER TABLETOP SALE**

29TH JUNE AT ST. MARGARET'S HALL 10am- 1pm

A chance to have a clear-out and recycle, sell your craft items or collect for your chosen charity. This will also be a chance to socialise. Why not come for lunch at our pop-up Cafe.

Tables £12. Proceeds to our church funds. To book a table contact parish office or Bernie Wrobel on 01277 821986/ 07599 248172

100 Club Please get in touch with Anne Robertson or Bernie Wrobel to join the 100 Club or to renew your subscriptions which are now due. Forms are also available on the website catholicparishongar.org Please make any cheques payable to 'Catholic Church Ongar St Helens'. Thank you for your support.

Thy Kingdom Come - Pentecost Prayer Novena 2024 There will be 24/7 prayer running from 2pm on Sunday 12th May to 10pm on Saturday 18th May at the Sion Community Chapel. You are welcome to join us any time from 6am to 12 midnight. It would be very helpful if you could book an hour slot in the prayer room by visiting this link: <https://signup.24-7prayer.com/signup/75e411> or you can join us for Praise & Worship at 8pm which is taking place each evening. We look forward to welcoming you for this special prayer time. For more information, please contact admin@sioncommunity.org.uk Sion Community, SENT, Sawyers Hall Lane, Brentwood, Essex, CM15 9BX

REPOSITORY We have cards and gifts for First Holy Communion's and other occasions for sale in the Repository at St Helen's at very reasonable prices. Please use the card box on the wall in the porch or get in touch with Ann Jackson if anything else required. Thank you.

Whatsapp Group: If anyone would like to join the parish Whatsapp Group then please contact Denise Terry-Roberts at d.terryroberts@btinternet.com or on 07545 240064 for her to add your mobile number.

St. Margaret's Hall Hire St. Margaret's is available for hire for private functions and parties, childrens parties, fitness classes, local groups and events holding up to 100 people at reasonable rates. If you would like more information or to make a booking please contact Kelly Love on 01277 362645, ongar@brcdt.org or whatsapp/msg 07929241350.

Mass Attendance: April 27/28 Sat 5.30pm: Sun 8.45am: Sun 10.30am:

Offertory Collection: £549.57

Cafod Second Collection: £75

Bank Account Name/Cheques payable to: 'Catholic Church Ongar St Helens'

Please contact Kelly Love if you require bank account details.

For Gift Aid/Envelopes please contact Bernard Adams 01277 823511

Thank you for your continued selfless generosity and support.

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (B)

Sat 4th May, 2024	St. H 5.30pm	THE ENGLISH MARTYRS National Feast Elizabeth Lawal
Sun 5th May, 2024	St. H 8.45am St. M 10.30am	Kathleen Cadam People of the Parish
Mon 6th May, 2024	Ilford 10.30am	Larry Dixon RIP (M Dixon) O' Donnell Family Int.

Tue 7th May, 2024	St. H 9.00am	Pierre Bierre-bolongo
Wed 8th May, 2024	St. H 9.00am	
Thu 9th May, 2024	St. H 10.30am St. M 8.00pm	HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD (B) THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD (B)
Fri 10th May, 2024	St. H 9.00am	SS PHILIP AND JAMES, App Feast

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (B) (World Communications Day)

Sat 11th May, 2024	St H. 5.30pm	Alice Drew
Sun 12th May, 2024	St. H 8.45am St. M 10.30am	People of the Parish People of the Parish

Fr. Emile would like to welcome any parishioners for Tea/Coffee and a chat on Thursdays in the Presbytery after mass each week.

Prayer List: Please pray for all our parishioners who are sick and need the benefit of our love and prayers: Alan Chapman, Maureen Hamilton, Lucy Gay, Stephen Garfield and family, Susan Corbin and family, Sue Potter, Philip Denton, Ivy Denton, Douglas Jordan, John Varellas, Bruno Vassallo